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SUBJECT: FCIA COVERAGE FOR SUDAN

1. CHAIRMAN OF SHEET METAL INDUSTRIES (LICENSED MANUFACTURER OF ADMIRAL REFRIGERATORS AND AIR CONDITIONERS IN SUDAN) TOLD EMBOFF FEB 15 HE HAD JUST RECEIVED TELEX FROM ADMIRAL STATING THAT, EFFECTIVE FEB 13, FCIA HAD "REMOVED ALL INSURANCE COVERAGE ON SUDAN SHIPMENTS" AND THAT SHEET METAL INDUSTRIES (WHICH OBTAINS MUCH OF ITS COMPONENTS FROM US) WOULD HAVE TO RESUME PAYMENT BY SIGHT LETTERS OF CREDIT. SUCH CHANGE, PARTICULARLY IN ABSENCE ADVANCE NOTICE, WOULD WORK REAL HARDSHIP ON COMPANY AS PERIOD OF UP TO SIX MONTHS OFTEN ELAPSES FROM TIME GOODS SHIPPED UNTIL THEIR ARRIVAL IN KHARTOUM.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BACKGROUND ON DECISION, WHICH NOT ONLY IS DIRECT BLOW TO ENERGETIC REPRESENTATIVE AMERICAN COMMERCIAL INTERESTS BUT ALSO SEEMS TO GO BEYOND BASIC POLICY GUIDANCE ON RELATIONS WITH SUDAN (STATE 169610). ROUTINE COMMERCIAL EXPORT INSURANCE WOULD HARDLY APPEAR AS "AID," NOR COULD
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WE PRECEIVE POLITICAL REASON NOW TO INTENSIFY RETALIATION

BEGUN ALMOST EIGHT MONTHS AGO. ON OTHER HAND, IF DECISION IS
BASED ON COMMERCIAL, RATHER THAN POLITICAL, GROUNDS, WE WOULD
LIKE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, AS FCIA RISK ASSESSMENT WOULD
CONTRAST SHARPLY WITH CONCLUSIONS REACHED IN OUR A-01,
JAN 3, 1975.
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